

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Oct. 14, 2014
7:35 pm – 9:05 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 0 Staff: 15 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:30 p.m. for contract negotiations.
President Collins called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent Communications:

A. Change of Name for Curriculum and Instruction Department: The curriculum and instruction group proposed a name change to the Office of Learning and Teaching. The belief statement from this team is: *The Learning & Teaching Team believes all students will learn when appropriate academic environments are created and nurtured. The largest factor impacting the academic environments is the effectiveness of the teaching.*

B. Overview of York Course Proposals: York Departments suggested the following Course additions and modifications. It will come before the Board next meeting for official action. York Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Chris Covino discussed some of the additional classes.

New Course:

English Adv College Proj – Composition 101
English ACP – Literature 101
English ACP Speech 101
Math - Enriched Adv Alg Trig Honors
PE Advanced Strength Training
PE Advanced Yoga and Self Defense

PE Lifesaving and Lifeguarding
Science - Forensic Science
Science/SpEd – Science Survey
Tech & Appl Arts - Student Tech Internship
TAA - ACP – Personal Finance
World Lang – Bilingual Am Govt

Modifications:

English - York Hi
Research & Soc Studies - International
Relations – Honors
SpEd - Academic Essentials

SpEd - Study Methods
TAA - Student Tech Internship
TAA - ACP – Person Finance
World Lang - Bilingual m Gov

The four ACP (Advanced College Projects) courses are classes for joint credit between York and Indiana University. The transcripts from these courses should transfer to about anywhere. It will cost about \$50/credit hour, or \$150 for one 3-credit course. Currently, the process of applying to have current York teachers as adjunct IU professors is happening.

The Enriched Advanced Algebra/Trig Honors class will be used as a freshman class which will follow 8th grade Geometry.

Student Technology Internship is part of the Mobile Learning Initiative to have students as the first line of defense in a building with tech work in the District. When not fixing equipment, the students can be working on “pathways” for specific certifications. This helps with later employment possibilities as, for example, members of the Geek Squad. Some financial implications may be presented with this course by requiring smaller class size.

C. Senate Bill 16: The Board discussed the possibilities to approve a resolution against SB 16 in its current state. The Board asked the administration to draw up a resolution that is short and general.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Ebner reported on the **Curriculum and Instruction Committee**.

- Five new Instructional Tech Coordinators (ITCs) were introduced to the Committee. There will be one at each Middle School and two at York (4.4 fte – full time equivalents).
- Dr. Fitzgerald (Asst Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction) presented several evaluation tools to the committee to determine if the efficacy of ITCs. Evaluation forms, to be completed several times throughout the year, time studies, conducted several times per year and a focus group of teachers and students at the end of the year are planned.
- The York Course proposals discussed above.
- The above proposed name change was announced.

Mrs. Stuefen reported on the **Performance Management Committee**.

- The committee reviewed the Superintendent's goals and evaluation timeline. Streamlining of the evaluation tool was looked at to provide meaningful feedback.
- The District's Performance Indications (DPIs) are being updated using several data pieces from several places including School Improvement Plans, the Harris satisfaction poll and 5 Essentials survey. Once the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career – the assessment tool for the Common Core Standards) results are received, the administration will present the results to the Board any DPI adjustments needed.
- Completion of job descriptions and the compensations study was discussed under the Attract, Retain and Development topic.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda: The Board approved:

- Ratification of Approval of Application for Recognition of Public Schools for 2014-2015
- The Purchase Equipment, Software and Professional Services for Power School System Upgrade – Two servers for \$22,000, software licenses for \$1300 annually and PowerSchool upgrade for \$8,000.
- To Sell Surplus District Vehicle – a Driver's Ed 2000 Ford Taurus to be put on E-Bay.

Superintendent's Agenda – Action Items

- Donation (Jackson Elementary School) – \$2,000 from PTA to fix landscape around the building.
- Donation (Edison Elementary School) - \$3,700 from PTA for sound equipment.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Oct. 28th at 7:30 pm. All meetings are at the District 205 Center, second floor:

- Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 – Committee of the Whole Finance and Operations Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014 – Performance Management Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Board Communications: Mrs. Stuefen mentioned that she had attended the D200 update on SB16. There were many other school districts present and they all are looking for the following in this bill:

- Accountability.
- Mandate relief.
- Equity of like students.

Mr. McDonough suggested that he attend the City's stormwater meeting the following night and asked if anyone from the Board had an issue with his attendance. All agreed that it would be appropriate for him to attend.